

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 59

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by: (LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR REDUCTIONS IN STATE SERVICES AND ADVANCE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective from passage) Prior to any major layoff or
- 2 dismissal of state employees at the recommendation of the Governor,
- 3 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or a designee
- 4 shall submit to the General Assembly a written impact statement
- 5 concerning the effect of such layoff on the affected state agency,
- 6 department, board or commission and any clients or consumers served
- 7 by such agency, department, board or commission. For purposes of
- 8 this section, "major layoff or dismissal" means any layoff or dismissal
- 9 that results in the loss of at least five per cent of the total positions
- 10 within an agency, department, board or commission and "state
- 11 employee" means any employee in the executive, legislative or judicial
- 12 branch of state government, whether in the classified or unclassified
- 13 service and whether full or part-time, and any employee of a quasi-
- 14 public agency, but shall not include a judge of any court, either elected
- 15 or appointed.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective from passage) No major state program shall be discontinued or closed by reason of economy, insufficient appropriation, change in departmental organization, abolition of position, or layoff or dismissal of state employees without the approval of the General Assembly. For purposes of this section "major state program" means any program operated by the state or any of its agencies, boards, departments or commissions for which total expenditures of state funds during the current fiscal year exceed one hundred thousand dollars and "state employee" means any employee in the executive, legislative or judicial branch of state government, whether in the classified or unclassified service and whether full or part-time, and any employee of a quasi-public agency, but shall not include a judge of any court, either elected or appointed.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	from passage
Sec. 2	from passage

LAB Joint Favorable C/R GAE

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APP Joint Favorable